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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Posture Briefing of House Armed Services Committee by Secretary McNamara and General Lemnitzer

1. This memorandum is for information only.
2. With approval of the Department of Defense and House Armed Services Committee, I sat in on the morning session today of Secretary McNamara's and General Lemnitzer's briefing of the House Armed Services Committee. Attached for your information are copies of Chairman Vinson's opening statement and an unclassified prepared statement of Secretary McNamara. After the Secretary's statement was read, General Lemnitzer then presented the Top Secret posture briefing and no transcript was taken of this portion of the briefing.
3. That portion of the briefing relating to the Soviet ICBM program has been changed as has also the chart which portrays the spread of the NIE. General Lemnitzer included another slide showing the three illustrative programs. General Lemnitzer did not discuss which programs were subscribed to by the various intelligence components. He did indicate that his evaluation of the threat was based on intelligence from all U. S. sources and indicated further that this was a complex subject on which we did not have sufficient intelligence.
4. Representative Arends queried Chairman Vinson at the completion of Vinson's statement as to whether or not in addition to the witnesses mentioned Mr. Dulles of CIA would be called. Mr. Vinson answered him with a simple "no." Within a few minutes Mr. Arends

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again raised this question and again Mr. Vinson said that there were no plans to call CIA and added that there was a special committee to deal with CIA.

5. At the noon adjournment General Lemnitzer had not finished his prepared statement and I plan to attend the afternoon session to cover the possible questions on intelligence.

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